



November 5, 2013

Members of the House Health Policy Committee:

The Michigan Pharmacists Association would like to thank you for receiving our input with regards to Senate Bill 373. The Executive Board of the Michigan Pharmacists Association is in full support of the (H-1) substitute of this bill. As pharmacists, we feel that innovation is essential to the larger goal of enhancing health care delivery and improving patient access and outcomes.

The (H-1) version of the bill addresses the key concerns we had with regards to the legislation. This version gives the Board of Pharmacy the responsibility of granting final approval to proposed pilot projects and allows them to weigh the potential impacts that a pilot may have on the safety and welfare of our patients. Despite concerns that have been expressed by many individuals, we feel that the bill does not interfere with the relationship pharmacists have with our patients. Rather, this legislation opens up new possibilities for us to connect to patients and improve the way they experience healthcare delivery.

Thank you again for your willingness to work with us and other pharmacy groups to develop a piece of legislation that is in the best interest of all patients in the state of Michigan.

Sincerely,

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CEO, Michigan Pharmacists Association